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1. Experiments with the production of diboron will be transferred from the laboratory at the VEB Leunawerke, Merseburg, East Germany, to a pilot plant. The Council for Economic Mutual Assistance (CEMA) had decided that the technical data will be turned over to Communist China. It was assumed by employees of the Leunawerke, Merseburg, that CEMA had decided to move production of diboron to China because of the large deposits of borax in Tibet.
2. The experimental data compiled so far is sufficient for the production of diboron in a pilot plant only. Larger quantities of production would require additional experiments in a pilot plant.
3. Diboron production in China on a large scale will not be possible prior to 1963.

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